

Docket No. 212847US-2

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kunihiro TOMITA ET AL.

SERIAL NO: 09/933,153

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE FORMING CAPABLE OF PERFORMING AN EFFECTIVE
FIXING PROCESS

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required

☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-up Copy of Amendment

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INDEPENDENT	5	MINUS	5	0	× \$84 =	\$0.00
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 14, beginning at line 25, please delete the paragraph and replace it with the following paragraph:

21
In the above-described fixing unit 11, a toner image T on the recording sheet P is heated by the heater 12 via the endless belt 13 when the recording sheet P is fed into the gap between the endless belts 13 and 14. After that, the recording sheet P is subjected to a cooling process by which the toner image T is firmly fixed to the recording sheet P and is then separated from the endless belt 14. At least one of the guide rollers 16 and 18, arranged downstream from the heater 12 in the sheet transfer direction, is made of metal having a

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